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KUALA LUMPUR: The industrial sector has been encouraged to use high-efficiency electric motors to optimise electricity usage.

The Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Unit deputy director Zulkiflee Umar said based on studies, most electric motors entering Malaysia do not meet the required minimum efficiency levels.

"When this component is inefficient, the electricity bill will be high. We suggest making high-efficiency motors mandatory to ensure inefficient ones no longer enter Malaysia.

"The investment is a bit high, but industry players can save between 20% and 40% on electricity bills," he said during an appearance on Bernama TV's *Apa Khabar Malaysia* programme titled "Anda Jimat, Poket Selamat" yesterday.

Zulkiflee said the commission also plans to continue the Sustainability Achieved Via Energy Efficiency (SAVE) 4.0 programme in 2025, though it is still in the application process.

Its Promotions and External Relations Unit deputy director Veliana Ruslan urged domestic consumers to practise prudent electricity use to keep their bills low, reported Bernama.

Veliana said practices such as turning off lights, modems, electrical items and air-conditioners when not in use, as well as cleaning electrical items like dusty fans, can increase electrical efficiency and provide consumers with up to 10% savings.

Regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill 2023, which was passed in the Dewan Rakyat on June 25, Zulkiflee said the Bill aims to promote and regulate the use of energy effectively and comprehensively in Malaysia.